

# **DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **July 15, 2014**

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Behl at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Ed Nelson, Darrell Pollesch, Gerald Adelmeyer. Annette Thompson arrived at 8:31a.m.

**Also present:** Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator, Bonnie Borden, Dairy & Livestock Youth Educator, Elise Gonzalez, Dairy & Livestock Agent, Amanda Hilliard, Nutrition Educator and Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Nelson, seconded by Adelmeyer to approve minutes for July 15, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:**

Nelson reported that he attended the WACEC Conference with Behl and Hoffman. Reported that Howard Kriewald was also in attendance to receive an award in recognition of serving on the committee for 30 years. Nelson reported that it was a very good meeting, breakout sessions were very good. Communications between counties was discussed; interfaces between counties are very good. Nelson did report that he was amazed at the lack of counties that were not present at the meeting.

Behl reported that he attended the Board of Directors meeting. The main discussion was what the future of the WACEC and Regional Meetings will be. They currently are having an issue having enough counties in attendance to have a quorum. Nine counties are needed to be present to be over 50% - last fall meeting only seven counties were at the meeting. One suggestion that was made was to make the meetings closer to the counties that are not present, making it easier for them to attend if it's in their own county and/or closer to their counties (southwest part of the state). Behl was elected as the new statewide treasurer of the WACEC group. Behl also attended the Ag Tourism Bus Tour. Behl also reported that for 2015 – WACEC and the Counties Association meetings are being combined and will be held September 20-22, 2015 in LaCrosse, WI. The spring meeting to meet the legislators will be held on April 30, 2015 in Madison.

**APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS:** Motion by Pollesch, seconded by Adelmeyer to approve the regular meeting per diems. Also approved was Allen Behl's WACEC registration (\$85) and Nelson's WACEC mileage (\$206.08) for attending the WACEC conference that was held June 23-24, 2014.

**REVIEW OF BILLS** Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

### **DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:**

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for June 2014.
- b. Discussion and consideration of the Dodge County UW-Extension Agricultural Agent, crops and soils emphasis, final interviews.
  1. Pattie Carroll reported that the final interviews will be held this Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am (which is a revised start time from the original agenda). Reiterated that the documents of the individuals (resume & cover letters) is confidential information and is located in the manila envelopes for each of them. Thompson is not able to attend the interviews for this position.

- c. Discussion and consideration about of the Dodge County UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent final interviews.
  - 1. Pattie Carroll reported that the final interviews will be held this Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. There are currently three candidates and their confidential information (resume & cover letters) is located in the manila envelopes that each of them received.
- d. Discussion and consideration for Bonnie Borden to attend National Youth Development Conference in Minneapolis October 26-31, 2014 budgeted funds may be used for expenses.
  - 1. Borden reported that 75% of fees will be taken care of by the Association. Borden also applied for funds through Matt Hanson's office as well as the Dean's Office. Rough estimations for lodging, parking and mileage would come out to \$300-\$400.
    - i. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nelson to approve Bonnie Borden going to MN.
    - ii. Jeff Hoffman needs to take this to Executive Committee to receive approval.
- e. Consider, discuss, and decide on a fund balance transfer of \$700.00, from prepaid registrations, to cover costs of the Dodge County Master Gardener's Level 1 training.
  - 1. Motion by Pollesch, seconded by Nelson to approve the fund balance transfer of \$700.00, from prepaid registrations, to cover costs of the Dodge County Master Gardener's Level 1 training.
- **NOTE:** Behl brought to everyone's attention of a large concern of his to what the communication/decision making process is going to be at this year's Dodge County Fair in the Youth Building with the 4-H Youth Development position being vacant.  
It was discussed that it would be more responsibility of the Superintendents of each area to discuss on an individual basis, and then the discussion would go to Bonnie Borden. Whitney Rathke also needs to consult with Bonnie Borden on items that would be brought up to her.

## **EDUCATORS' REPORTS:**

Gonzalez: González reported she attended the 'National Dairy Training Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM)' and got certified as FARM evaluator. This certification allows to perform evaluations on farms to improve animal welfare practices and best practices. She also reported that there were changes in the Implements of Husbandry laws regarding the weight and length of agricultural vehicles that will impact producers. She will attend a meeting to learn more about these new changes to provide information to producers in the county. Attended Holstein Breeders Association District Show and Dairy Brunch to meet dairy producers.

Carroll: Carroll reported on status of eParenting™ pilot project. Carroll reported on financial education work shops being held in partnership with Church Health Services and Dodge County ADRC. Carroll is involved in a new pilot program called Between 2, a program designed to teach people about relationship skill building. Some outcomes of increasing capacity in relationship basics are a decrease in divorce, and increase in parental involvement thus helping children succeed better in school.

Borden:

Hilliard: Hilliard introduced self as the new WNEP Educator. Hilliard briefly discussed the latest SNAP-ED data released for area schools eligible for free or reduced lunch. Schools at or above 50 % are eligible for SNAP-ED Nutrition programming. Hilliard stated some of the eligible schools, WNEP had


previously worked with, have now fallen off the eligible status. However, there are also new eligible schools (above 50%) this year. Hilliard reported she and WNEP Coordinator, Becky Gutzman plan to connect with school districts to discuss implementing programming for eligible schools. Hilliard also discussed some issues brought up by seniors eligible for Farmer's Market Vouchers. Not all Farmer's Market vendors are certified to take the vouchers which limits food accessibility to voucher holders. Hilliard will be discussing the issue with the Vendor Certifier through the Dodge County WIC office to figure out a solution.


**COMMUNICATION:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, Aug 19, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, it was motioned by Nelson and seconded by Pollesch to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

  
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Allen Behl, Chairman